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THE NATIVE IN POLITICS.

As a confirmation from a very able and careful observer, of some views expressed in The Star regarding the "Hawaiian vote," The Star is glad to be able to reprint the following sentences from the address of Hon. John G. Woolley last night:

Our issue might confidently be left to the Hawaiian voters alone, if they could have it uncomplicated, on the merits. And I am very free to say that, all things considered, this Territory might well be proud of its native citizens, and that it would be a long step toward the needed house-cleaning in territorial politics if the white people would stop misjudging and misrepresenting the Hawaiians and begin to set them a better example.

Even a Hawaiian leader like John Lane—probably influenced by many harsh criticisms of the islands' electorate—recently made the remark—assuming he was quoted correctly in an interview not disclaimed—that Hawaiian voters were not intelligent enough for anything but "straight ticket" voting. But the fact is that nearly all our election results have shown the opposite. These islands, with something like a two-thirds majority of voters of Hawaiian blood, have elected a legislature whose record is certainly quite up to the American average; they have organized three out of four counties with very creditable government; in spite of a little rumpus now and then, Honolulu is a pretty well governed city and our county administration is on the whole a success; while in one county, where a relatively poor administration got into office, it took but a year for public opinion, months in advance of another election, to throw a boodler and incompetent majority in the Board out of control and organize for business regardless of party lines. This has been done in the Hawaii county board.

On Mr. Woolley's special issue—that of Prohibition—the white population of the islands would probably vote against him more strongly in proportion to their numbers than the Hawaiian. The point we make is, however, that taking the record as a whole, self-government in Hawaii, with a large native majority at the polls, has been a success. Figures might be adduced to show also that the charge that native voters have never dealt fairly with white candidates is very far from the truth. Race considerations can never be eliminated from our politics while we have citizens of more than one race, but an absolute race-line in voting has always been merely the dream of the grafter or the violently prejudiced, never realized.

OVER THIRTY CHILDREN WITHOUT HOMES.

The appearance of the children brought to this city from the Kona Orphanage by Miss Beard is such as absolutely to refute the idea that they have been half starved. In regard to her religion she simply exercises the privilege which every American has a right to and if she chooses to believe that her health has been restored by prayer has that right. Her friends in this city have known of this for many years and have never thought it a sign of insanity. From the general look of affairs, which is borne out by all the evidence procurable, as the result of a little neighborhood squabble, one of the most worthy institutions in the Territory has been dissolved.

The few words to which R. H. Trent limits himself speak very strongly. He is not a man to jump at conclusions but his quiet "Miss Beard is far more sinned against than sinning," carries with it the conviction of a man whose word will go far in this city. He is bound to realize, however, that the vicious attacks made on Miss Beard's personality would cause many yearly subscriptions to be withdrawn and thus gradually break up the work. The attack on Miss Beard,—very largely groundless,—has left over thirty young children without homes.

At any rate the saloons will probably know they have been in a fight before Jack Atkinson gets through with them.

If there is law to prevent it, we do not want to have the doctrines of anarchy preached to the more or less uneducated Europeans, to whom American forms of government are unfamiliar, imported here from time to time in the hope that they will develop into American citizens.

Senator Carter's bill to establish postal savings banks is a good measure. It will promote thrift among the people and probably have the effect of materially reducing the too numerous array of wildcat savings institutions, the frequent collapse of which, to the spoliation of those least able to stand being robbed, is a long-standing scandal. The postal savings bank that Hawaii possessed for some years before annexation was a great public benefit, not only in the case of the depositors but in that of the government which had the use of the money at a moderate cost.

Five thousand replies were received by the American Protective Tariff League to the question, "Do you favor a protective tariff," sent to the editor of every newspaper in the United States. Of that number, with a month left to complete the returns, 75 per cent declared themselves for the protective tariff, 10 per cent were against it, five per cent favored tariff revision and 10 per cent were noncommittal. As the returns stand, thirty-seven hundred and fifty newspapers make a rather strong barricade for protection.

It is not yet revealed, in fact cannot be determined until the committees get to work, how far the entertainment of the fleet will go in the matter of meat and drink. Yet anything at all in that regard which leaves out a generous ration of Hawaiian coffee would be the missing of a fine chance to promote our struggling coffee industry. Some time ago there was considerable agitation for having Hawaiian coffee introduced in both Army and Navy commissariats. All sorts of obstacles were encountered and the cause would appear to have been abandoned. The visit of the fleet will afford an opportunity to give the boys in blue an appetite for the brew of our fragrant berry. When the gallant lads once begin to "cry for it"—like the children for a certain well advertised cathartic—the Navy Department will simply be helpless to resist.

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By HERBERT J. HAPGOOD.

College men are more in demand than twenty years ago. Business houses insist on their young men coming to them with a trained mind, and a university education is looked upon as original capital invested.

A senior in the academic department of a well known Eastern college wrote his father last month for advice as to which of six offers of positions he would best accept after graduation. All the places are with good companies, offering excellent opportunities for advancement and paying at the start from \$12 to \$15 a week. They had all come to him unsolicited. "You lucky fellow," the father began his reply. "When I left college twenty years ago, I think I was every bit as capable as you—perhaps more so—but I had to hunt three months before I could find an employer who would take a chance on me at \$6 a week."

This senior is not a man of extraordinary ability nor is his case exceptional. Many men in his own class and at other institutions have even more opportunities open to them. The head of the employment department at one university prides himself on the fact that last year every member of the graduating class received at least six offers of employment and this year he is confident of beating this record. The truth is that the college graduate no longer has to force his way into the business as his father did or as did many young graduates even ten years ago. His value as an employee is now generally recognized and he is eagerly sought after by employers.

SHIP ARTHUR SEWALL ONE YEAR OUT TODAY

Today is the anniversary of the sailing of the American ship Arthur Sewall. Seismic disturbances recorded by the instruments set to watch those things, from Philadelphia for Honolulu and she in the past year, will apparently never be known.

On April 3, 1907, the Arthur Sewall, It would seem that survivors, if Captain Gaffrey, started for the long coasted by another vessel, would long voyage around the Horn to these islands. Nearly six months elapsed and On the waterfront today the fact that she was not spoken of or reported and re- this is the anniversary of the Arthur Insurance began, rising by bigger and Sewall's sailing from the Atlantic bigger jumps, until, at last, not many coast for Honolulu, and she has not weeks ago, the little silver bell in been heard of since, revives old stories Lloyds which, through long custom, of disaster and strange disappearances tolls the death of ships, sounded her and new theories as to the cause of the fate, as far as is known, and she is Sewall's loss.

Whether the Arthur Sewall founder- And one week from today will be ed or was sunk in collision, perhaps the anniversary of the sailing from with the Adolph Obrig, or was wrecked New York of the Adolph Obrig, bound as the result of fire in her cargo, or for San Francisco, and she also has been driven ashore, swamped by a tidal long ago been given up as lost.

HAWAIIANS TO SAIL AROUND THE HORN

Five Hawaiian boys will sign as seamen aboard the windjammer Atlas, now in Kahului, and will voyage around the Horn to the eastern coast of the big States where it will be cold before they leave for home, if they wait for the same vessel to return.

In the Claudine, sailing at 5 p. m. today, C. Mitchell will take seventeen men to Kahului to sign articles aboard the Atlas, Captain Dart. Of these seventeen, five are Hawaiians, three Japanese and the rest are Goths, Franks and other haoles.

The Claudine will tow the Atlas to sea. The big ship has but 2,000 tons of sugar aboard, the balance of her cargo consisting of California wine shipped in San Francisco.

LUMBER CARRYING TWO MORE TO GO TO WASHINGTON

A meeting of the directors of the Hawaiian Mahogany Co., was held this morning in J. B. Castle's office to decide on the contract for the carrying of ohia ties from Hilo to San Pedro, relative to the contract with the Santa Fe Railroad Co.

R. W. Shingle when asked after the meeting if anything had been decided, replied, "I am sorry to say that I have nothing to give out at present, but I can say this that before very long some thing will be definitely decided upon."

The Board of Education this morning appointed Miss Allen, at present a teacher in the Waipahu school, as principal for the Kalaheo school, at Koloa.

KAPAA LAND APPRAISEMENT

Governor Frear stated this morning that he expects a report at any time now from the appraisers appointed to fix a value of the Kapaa lands on Kauai, together with other lands of the Makee Sugar Company, for which it is proposed to exchange some of the government's land in order to bring the holdings of the Territory and of the Spaulding interests within separate, single boundaries. Also for the purpose of fixing a basis of leasing summated one way or the other.

The governor stated that as soon as the report of the appraisers is at hand the negotiations with Z. S. Spaulding will be resumed and quickly continue the cane lands to Spaulding.

TWO MORE TO GO TO WASHINGTON

Governor Frear stated this morning that he hopes to name within a few days two citizens besides R. S. Hosmer, to accompany him to Washington for the conference of state and Territorial executives called by the President for May 14. The President's invitation to each Governor included three for citizens to be appointed by the governors. Mr. Hosmer, chief of the Territorial Bureau of Forestry, has already been named.

It is understood, however, that W. O. Smith and Alonzo Gartley are the two that have received invitations.

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